Amendments to the Claims:

1-10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently amended) A multifunctional lever comprising:

a basic lever (1) for performing an actuating function; and one or more lever element(s) (2, 3) for performing one or more actuating functions;

said basic lever (1) and <u>at least one</u> said lever element(s) (2, 3) being separate parts; and

said basic lever (1) and said lever element(s) (2, 3) being <u>rigidly and</u> <u>inseparably</u> connected together.

- 12. (Previously presented) The multifunctional lever of claim 11, wherein said basic lever (1) is made of metal or plastic, or a combination of metal and plastic.
- 13. (Previously presented) The multifunctional lever of claim 11, wherein one or more said lever element(s) (2, 3) are made of metal or plastic, or a combination of metal and plastic.
- 14. (Previously presented) The multifunctional lever of claim 12, wherein one or more said lever element(s) (2, 3) are made of metal or plastic, or a combination of metal and plastic.
- 15. (Previously presented) The multifunctional lever of claim 11 comprising two or more lever elements.
- 16. (Previously presented) The multifunctional lever of claim 11 comprising three or more lever elements.

- 17. (Previously presented) The multifunctional lever of claim 11, wherein said basic lever (1) and said one or more lever element(s) (2, 3) have the same axis of rotation.
- 18. (Previously presented) The multifunctional lever of claim 11, wherein said one or more lever element(s) are rigidly connected to said basic lever (1).
- 19. (Previously presented) The multifunctional lever of claim 11, wherein said one or more lever element(s) are mechanically actuated.
- 20. (Currently amended) A multifunctional lever comprising:

a basic lever (1) for performing an actuating function; and one or more additional lever(s) (2, 3) for performing one or more actuating functions;

wherein <u>at least one</u> said one or more additional lever(s) (2, 3) are riveted, bolted, clipped, snapped-in, welded or glued to said main basic lever (1).

- 21. (Previously presented) The multifunctional lever of claim 20, wherein said basic lever (1) is made of metal or plastic, or a combination of metal and plastic.
- 22. (Previously presented) The multifunctional lever of claim 20, wherein one or more said lever element(s) (2, 3) are made of metal or plastic, or a combination of metal and plastic.
- 23. (Previously presented) The multifunctional lever of claim 21, wherein one or more said lever element(s) (2, 3) are made of metal or plastic, or a combination of metal and plastic.
- 24. (Previously presented) The multifunctional lever of claim 20 comprising two or more lever elements.

- 25. (Previously presented) The multifunctional lever of claim 20 comprising three or more lever elements.
- 26. (Previously presented) The multifunctional lever of claim 20, wherein said basic lever (1) and said one or more lever element(s) (2, 3) have the same axis of rotation.
- 27. (Previously presented) The multifunctional lever of claim 20, wherein said one or more lever element(s) are rigidly connected to said basic lever (1).
- 28. (Previously presented) The multifunctional lever of claim 20, wherein said one or more lever element(s) are mechanically actuated.
- 29. (Currently amended) A vehicle door latch comprising:

a catch (10);

a pawl (4);

a basic lever (1) for performing an actuating function; and one or more additional lever(s) (2, 3) for performing one or more actuating functions;

said basic lever (1) and said additional lever(s) (2, 3) being separate parts; and said basic lever (1) and said additional lever(s) (2, 3) being <u>rigidly and</u> <u>inseparably</u> connected together.

- 30. (Previously presented) The vehicle door latch of claim 29, wherein said one or more additional lever(s) (2, 3) are riveted, bolted, clipped, snapped-in, welded or glued to said main lever (1).
- 31. (Previously presented) The vehicle door latch of claim 29, wherein said basic lever (1) is made of metal or plastic, or a combination of metal and plastic and one or more said lever element(s) (2, 3) are made of metal or plastic, or a combination of metal and plastic.

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- 32. (Previously presented) The vehicle door latch of claim 29, wherein one said lever element (2) is attached to a driving wheel (5), said driving wheel being motor-driven.
- 33. (Previously presented) The vehicle door latch of claim 32, wherein an electrical motor (6) having a worm gear (7) acts upon said driving wheel (5), said driving wheel (5) comprising further a gear rim or a gear rim section.
- 34. (Previously presented) The vehicle door latch of claim 33, wherein said driving wheel (5) comprises further a radial cam (8) for interacting with said lever element (2).
- 35. (Previously presented) The vehicle door latch of claim 29, wherein said one or more lever element(s) are mechanically actuated.
- 36. (Previously presented) The vehicle door latch of claim 29, wherein said one or more lever element(s) are electrically actuated.